

# CCC Media Advisory

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## **New CCC Director Visits CCC Project on Central Coast**

California Conservation Corps Director Will Semmes, appointed to head the Corps by Gov. Schwarzenegger in September, will meet CCC staff and corpsmembers and get a first-hand look at a local flood prevention project during a brief visit to the Central Coast Thursday.

**Time/Day:** 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9

**Location:** Prefumo Creek in the Laguna Lake neighborhood.

**Work:** Ten corpsmembers will be using chain saws and hand tools to remove overgrown vegetation and open up the channel for flood prevention. The work will also reduce erosion from the banks and the amount of sediment and debris deposited in Laguna Lake. (Earlier, the city hired a herd of goats to clear out the smaller vegetation to help open up the jungle-like area.)

The sponsor of the project is the City of San Luis Obispo; working with the Streets Division, the CCC annually assists each fall in creek channel clearance. The work throughout the city will continue through Dec. 17.

The CCC, a state department under the Resources Agency, hires young men and women for a year of natural resource work and emergency response. The Los Padres Center based in San Luis Obispo serves San Luis Obispo County and parts of Kern, Monterey, San Benito, Santa Barbara counties with 80 corpsmembers. It was the first CCC residential center, established in 1977.

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